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SUBJECT: CODEL MATHIAS

REF : STOCKHOLM 1473, STATE 042717, GENEVA 2268,
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1. SENATOR MATHIAS HAS WRITTEN TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS LINWOOD HOLTON OUTLINING HIS PLANNED TRIP AND EXPLAINING THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT TO GENEVA AND STOCKHOLM IS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF ACCOUNTING FOR AMERICANS STILL MISSING IN ACTION IN INDOCHINA. DEPARTMENT PW/MIA OFFICER FRANK SIEVERTS CALLED ON MATHIAS AT HIS REQUEST APRIL 8 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT AND TO CONFIRM THAT DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY STOCKHOLM AND US MISSION GENEVA WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST HIM IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS TRIP.

2. SENATOR'S INITIATIVE ON MIA'S RESPONDS TO REQUEST FROM NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AS WELL AS FROM HIS MARYLAND CON-
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STITUENTS. LEAGUE LEADERSHIP HAS GIVEN HIM INFORMATION ON

THEIR INITIATIVE WITH PALME (REF A) INCLUDING A COPY OF THE MIA LIST. MATHIAS PLANS TO FOLLOW THIS UP IN HIS MEETING WITH PALME, FOR WHICH HE INVITES CHARGE TO ACCOMPANY HIM.

3. SWEDISH MINISTER LEIFLAND TOLD DEPTOFF APRIL THAT PALME WAS AWARE THAT MATHIAS PLANNED TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT AND THAT PALME ALSO HOPED TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS, SUCH AS SWEDISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN SECURITY. LEIFLAND SAID HE DISCUSSED LEAGUE OF FAMILIES PROJECT WITH PALME DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO STOCKHOLM, AND THAT PRIME MINISTER WAS NON-COMMITAL. LEAGUE TELEPHONED LEIFLAND APRIL 10 TO ASK IF PALME WAS RAISING SUBJECT WITH NVN PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG DURING HIS CURRENT "OFFICIAL" VISIT TO SWEDEN. ACCORDING TO FAMILIES, LEIFLAND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF PALME WOULD RAISE IT DURING THE VISIT AND EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR FAMILIES NOT TO SEND FURTHER MESSAGE TO PALME ON THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

4. LEIFLAND ALSO SAID HE HOPES MATHIAS WILL NOT PUBLICIZE HIS INTEREST IN DISCUSSING MIA'S WITH PALME. HE AGREED THERE WOULD BE NEWS COVERAGE OF THE SENATOR'S CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BUT THOUGHT THAT PUBLIC MENTION OF THE MIA'S WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS SUBJECT. MATHIAS IS AWARE OF THIS VIEW AND TOLD DEPTOFF HE WOULD DEFER TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION.

5. FOR GENEVA. MATHIAS IS PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO MEGEVE VIA PARIS AND GENEVA THURSDAY, APRIL 18 FOR OPENING OF BILDERBERG MEETING. HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING CAR FROM MISSION PICK HIM UP AT MEGEVE AT NOON FRIDAY, APRIL 19, TO BRING HIM TO GENEVA FOR MEETINGS WITH ICRC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROGER GALLOPIN AND WITH PROF. JACQUES FREYMOND OF THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. FREYMOND HAS LETTER FROM MATHIAS AND TOLD DEPTOFF (SIEVERTS) IN GENEVA HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO SEE HIM. GALLOPIN ALSO AWARE OF SENATOR'S TRIP AND ITS PURPOSE. SENATOR ASKS MISSION TO SET APPOINTMENTS WITH GALLOPIN AND FREYMOND FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FOR WHICH HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE AMBASSADOR (OR MISSION OFFICER) ACCOMPANY HIM. HE CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD LIKE MISSION CAR THEN TO BRING HIM BACK TO MEGEVE IN TIME FOR DINNER FRIDAY EVENING. HIS ADDRESS IN MEGEVE IS HOTEL DE MONT D'ARBOIS, TELEPHONE (50) 21 25 03 OR 21 0358. SENATOR ALSO REQUESTS MISSION ARRANGE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF HIS VISIT TO ICRC TO DISCUSS AMERICAN MIA'S IN INDOCHINA AND INVITE PRESS COVERAGE.

6. FOR STOCKHOLM: SENATOR IS TRAVELLING ALONE AND ACCEPTS

OLSEN DINNER INVITATION. HE IS WILLING TO MEET PRESS INCLUDING TV INTERVIEW IN STOCKHOLM AS WELL AS GENEVA. HE HAS NO OTHER REQUESTS FOR ACTIVITIES BESIDES THOSE SCHEDULED. HIS STAFF SAYS LIKES TO USE SPARE TIME TO VISIT MUSEUMS ETC.
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